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WAXMAN BACKS DOCTORS ON SEX REPORTS

Congressman Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment and onetime Chairman of the California Assembly Health Committee has denounced a new law which requires physicians to report any suspected sexual activity of girls under 18 years of age. Waxman expressed total agreement with the California Medical Association. The CMA has called for immediate repeal of the bill.

The law is an insult to the doctors who must comply with it and a real danger to teenage girls whose health care may suffer from it.

"I have profound respect for doctors who have expressed the determination to put protection of their patients' privacy ahead of everything else."

Waxman faulted the law not only for endangering patients' trust in their doctors, but also for "blatant sexism". The law applies only to females.

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